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Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
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Re: Docket # 98N-1038, "Irradiation in the Production, Processing, and Handling of Food"

To Whom It May Concern:

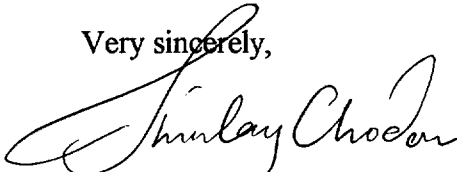
I am writing to urge the FDA to retain the current labeling law and the use of the radura symbol on all irradiated foods. This labeling should be placed so that it is easily seen.

Initially the FDA concluded that irradiation was a "material fact" in the processing of food and therefore should be disclosed. This fact remains and so labeling should remain.

Irradiation is a new technology which causes chemical and physical changes to our food that could have dangerous affect in the long run. Since there are no studies of the long term affects of irradiated foods on humans, **consumers have a right to know if this process has been used on their foods.**

I urgently request that the FDA's labeling requirement not be permitted to expire.

Very sincerely,

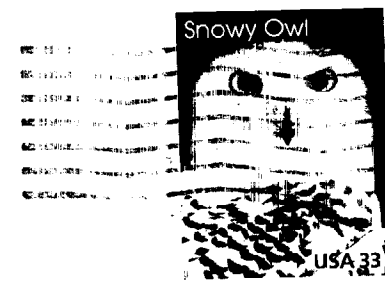


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